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are committed not only to give Adrian + Karin meals, but to have Ann in the house — I don't mind Ann, but the thought of Mabel rather alarms me. I'm going to take to sealing my letters for reasons which I will give you when we meet. Sotheby's has sent me £1-16 for the Meredith poems; I will send you your miserable share. Leonard has been asked to stand for Parliament. By the way, I find that Carrington crow crammed him about my new nephew. I rather think it would be best to tell him what I know. He would then be able to put dust in their eyes. As it is he has his doubts — rather increases them perhaps. But I won't say anything unless you tell me I can. I suppose Lytton put her on to it. & they probably think we know. I enjoyed my visit of dolphin in her majestic glory.

B.

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8 August 1918

Asheham

Thursday

Dearest,

The servants want me to send you a note, so as to give them an excuse for going to Charleston - making it up with Trekie, if she's willing.

I wish we could meet, but I dont know what to suggest - the weather is so vile. Perhaps I might come over to lunch one day next week if it suited you - I rather think we have Ka & Arnold Forster here for the week end, but I'm not certain. If so, I expect they'll want to see you - If it were fine, perhaps we could have a picnic, otherwise I might suggest they're walking over on Sunday, if you dont object - unless Duncan & Bunny would come here, which would be charming. There may be a very dull man called Bonwick who is coming to talk about starting the new review. Adrian & Karin are coming next week - for a fortnight, as their lodgings fell through. Ann has gone to Mabel's home.

I went to Gordon Sq[re] to fetch the pictures, but after searching everywhere could only find the one in the frame. Blanche thought that Clive had taken them to Charleston. If so, would you give them to the servants to bring back, or any other, as I'm in fearful straits, & have even had to unearth the Sargent portrait of Henry James - Did I tell you about our week end at Gorrington[2]. There is one of the crumbs I keep to tempt my dolphin out of her pool with -

Yr B.

2 August 1918

Arlesham,

Friday.

Dearest,

What a devil you were about the pictures! But as you've promised to give me 3 large ones, I'll let you off this time - still, your craft was scandalous.

I've heard from Ka that the a Will (as she calls him) have to work in their offices this Sunday, & they want to come later. Bonwick is coming - & probably (but we're in a great mess with our visitors) either Margery Strachey, Mrs Hamilton, both, or neither. It's too vague to make any plans, so you'd better not expect us for lunch - If we came we would bring our own food. Didn't you know that Ka was engaged? I had a letter from her. She says he's a "wild creature", & that I probably shan't like him, - that she's in love with him. They don't mean to be married till after the war - as I suppose the courting must come first.

Do you think you could ask the Stephens boy for the 31st? weekend They go back on the Monday following, & We shall have Ka & Will & Pernel I think, so it would be a great convenience to us, & save them going to rooms in Lewes. They arrive next Friday, & go to the Pelham Arms, & come to us on

Monday. We are going to be strictly indepentent, & only to meet at meals, & only to speak when we wish. So that perhaps we shant altogether come to grief, as you think likely.

If we dont meet on Sunday, shall I come to lunch & spend the afternoon next wednesday?

Katherine & Murry never came, as she is ill again. I'm a little disturbed by a story of hers in the English review. Its — well I wont say; & anyhow, please tell Maynard, it a great deal better than Margots' love letters. I live to a large extent upon her literary criticisms which Lytton hands on.

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Give my love to my nephews; & say I should like to have a visit from them. Perhaps we might manage a treat for Quentin's birthday — Tell me what he'd like for a present.

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17 August 1918
Sackville

I've been hanging the pictures. They have given me several new ideas on art

Dearest

I got the best toys I could for Quentin, but there wasn't much choice. The gun was 2/6 & the boat was 2/6 — the writing book 4d. If you & Duncan like to give these, will you give him the other things as my present.

Carrington is coming, but Norton can't. If it's weather like this tomorrow, there won't be much use in having a picnic, I'm afraid. The Stephens come up this afternoon — so our trial will begin.

How delightful, it was for you to have me the other day. Is Barbara staying with you? I'm writing to ask Duncan if he'll spend the night tomorrow. It would naturally enchant us (this he knows too well) but Carrington, so I hope he'll come.

Yr B.

If we can't come tomorrow, we will send the cake.

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Athelhampton,

Thursday,

Dearest,

Liz says that she thinks she had better not take the place, on account of her baby, as she thinks it would be impossible to look after him & do the work.

Mrs Hammond is willing to come to you on the 16th for a fortnight, if that would suit you. She says she does not want to take a permanent place.

Liz would have liked to come apparently, if it hadn't been for the baby.

Mrs. Hammond would like to see you. I will come over tomorrow, Friday, after lunch, about 2.30.

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perhaps we could make arrangements
then.

Of course the servants are going
home now & might hear of one
of their friends. However, we
can discuss this tomorrow.

Yr. B.

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